

2. (Amended) A surface illuminant comprising a light source, a light guide plate having opposed sides which is optically coupled to said light source for emitting light incident from said light source through one opposed side thereof; and a reflective film which is disposed on the other opposed side of said light guide plate, wherein said reflective film comprises a light storage material.

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Cont 3. (Amended) A surface illuminant comprising a light source, a light guide plate having opposed sides which is optically coupled to said light source for emitting light incident from said light source through one opposed side thereof; and a reflective film which is disposed on the other opposed side of said light guide plate, wherein said light guide plate is made of a transparent material in which a light storage material is blended.

4. (Amended) A surface illuminant comprising a light source, a light guide plate having opposed sides which is optically coupled to said light source for emitting light incident from said light source through one opposed side thereof; and a reflective film which is disposed on the other opposed side of said light guide plate, wherein a light storage film is formed on the surface of said light guide plate.
